

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Moore called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jim Moore
Vice-Chairman Jack Atkinson
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh
Absent: Councilman Justin Anderson

Also present were: County Administrator, Sandra G. Padget
Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council

B. INVOCATION Councilman Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the regular meeting was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

The following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

Please note meetings are open to the public. Access to the live video is available by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh the agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice Chairman Atkinson the minutes for August 12th and 19th, 2024 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Bedenbaugh expressed his sympathy to Senator Shane Massey on the loss of his father. He also welcomed everyone to attend the Hollywood Ruitan Supper on Saturday night along with a silent auction.

Vice-Chairman Atkinson and Councilman Daniel welcomed everyone and commented on the good

weather.

Chairman Moore let the public know that work had started at the Detention Center and EMS site.

H. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Moore stated that Miriam Atria with Capital City / Lake Murray Country Tourism was not in attendance due to sickness but will be at the next meeting.

Chairman Moore recognized Ms. Doris Hicks who spoke on clean air protections. Ms. Hicks said that she was representing a non-profit called Hold Out the Lifeline whose concern is smoke in public areas and the litter from cigarettes. They would like to address second hand smoke and encouraged council to be aware of designated smoking areas close to building entrances.

Councilman Bedenbaugh thanked Ms. Hicks and her service on the Nursing Home Board.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 08-24, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY AND AIKEN COUNTY ATTACHED AS SCHEDULE I OF ORDINANCE NO. 13-13; TO ADD OTHER PROPERTIES REQUESTED TO BE PLACED IN THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO." No one signed up to speak.

J. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson, Second Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 08-24, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY AND AIKEN COUNTY ATTACHED AS SCHEDULE I OF ORDINANCE NO. 13-13; TO ADD OTHER PROPERTIES REQUESTED TO BE PLACED IN THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO."

K. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, a Resolution Endorsing the Expenditure Match for the Library Improvement Project was unanimously approved. Chairman Moore read the Resolution.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, Council unanimously approved to set the County Operating Millage at 142.3 Mills, Economic Development at 6 Mills, Law Enforcement/Detention at 12 Mills, Piedmont Technical College at 3.5 Mills, Public Buildings Maintenance at 4 Mills, Fire Board at 5 Mills and the County Bond Mills at 6.1. Chairman Moore stated that this reflects a 5 mill decrease over last years county millage operating with those being apportioned to Economic Development, Public Buildings Maintenance and the Fire Board.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh seconded by Councilman Daniel, Council unanimously approved to set the Saluda School District One operating millage at 166.9 Mills and Saluda School District One Bond Mills at a total of 63.7 Mills. Chairman Moore recognized Superintendent of Schools, Harvey Livingston. Dr. Livingston gave an update on the school building projects and said they were excited to get moved in to the new facilities. He said the renovations at Hollywood Elementary is

scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Phase One of the new Elementary School is due to be completed in January. The new career and technology wings at the Middle and High School are scheduled for completion in February. And the renovations at Herlong Stadium will start at the completion of football season with plans to have all construction completed before the start of next years football season. He reminded everyone that this was a \$94,000,000 building plan that the district secured \$45,000,000 from the SC Department of Education, SC General Assembly and funds set aside by the district. On November 8, 2022 the residents voted in favor of a Bond Referendum for the remainder. Councilman Bedenbaugh asked about the stadium and Dr. Livingston gave some of the details on the ticket booth, concession, team rooms, bleachers and restrooms.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson, Council unanimously approved to replace the Emergency Dispatch Console System by Rock Communication in the amount of \$109,249.28 plus maintenance to be funded from the Infrastructure Reserve Account. Chairman Moore recognized Josh Morton, EMD, to explain the request and quote for the radio portion of the dispatch system.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, it was unanimously approved to replace the flooring at the Agriculture Building in the amount of \$63,846 to be funded from the Public Building Repair Reserve Account. Chairman Moore recognized Heather Griffin, Purchasing Coordinator to present the request. Ms. Griffin stated that this replacement was part of a prior agreement with USDA. Vice-Chairman Atkinson asked what type of flooring would be used. Ms. Griffin explained that the office area would be the carpet squares and the hallway and kitchen would have a thick LVT.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson, it was unanimously approved to appoint Lacy Steven Walters to the Building and Mobile Homes Appeals Board with his term expiring September 9, 2029.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 P.M.

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

Date Approved: October 14, 2024

James L. Moore, Saluda County Council
Chairman